



**SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**The Board of Trustees South San Antonio ISD**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of South San Antonio ISD was held Wednesday, October 18, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 1450 Gillette Blvd. San Antonio, Texas 78224.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Trustee	Present	Absent	Late Arrival/Departed Early
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Shirley Ibarra		X	
Joe Araiza	X		
Abel Martinez Jr.	X		Late arrival at 6:07 PM, departed at 6:07 PM, re-entered meeting at 7:36 PM and was escorted out of closed session at 7:40 PM
Homer Flores Jr.		X	
Manuel Lopez		X	

Led by Michelle Martinez, Senior Executive Assistant

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- TEXAS PLEDGE
- PRAYER

Led by Alexis Castillo, Director of Communications

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Tom Cummins, AFT Representative, addressed the Board regarding voucher bills.

Mr. Lopez called on (3 times each) Stacey Alderete, Irma Vigil, and Abel Martinez; not present.

Mr. Yzaguirre asked that the Board move the TEA Remarks agenda item later in the agenda as Dr. Saavedra would be late. The Board all agreed it was ok to move the item.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)**

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent of Schools, addressed the Board and audience recognizing several special dates and groups to include custodian week giving a special shot out to Canelo and Alma who help keep central office clean and neat.

*At 6:07 PM Abel Martinez interrupted the Superintendent's Remarks portion of the Board meeting. He approached the Dais and placed a red clown nose in front of Mr. Lopez wishing him a Happy Halloween and exited the building.*

Mr. Yzaguirre continued his remarks recognizing that it is Principals month, Red Ribbon Week, and Unity Day for bully prevention. He informed that report cards will be going out this Friday and that the districts snapshot date will be next Friday.

Mr. Yzaguirre gave a moment of silence for long time coach, teacher, administrator, athletic director, and superintendent Ron Durbon.

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (NO ACTION / REPORT ONLY)**

Manuel Lopez, Board President, addressed the Board and audience apologizing to the audience, staff, and Board for the circus before the meeting. He stated that it was uncalled for and unprofessional and that behavior will not be tolerated in our schools or our Boardroom. He said we have rules and if you can't follow them then this is the wrong place to be.

## RECOGNITIONS

### 1. National Principals Month

Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications, was called to recognize principals for their service.

## PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

### 1. Report on Board of Trustees Continuing Education Credits for 2022-2023

Manuel Lopez, Board President, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

### 2. September 2023 Financials

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

### 3. Updated District Efficiency Report

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, Andy Rocha, Executive Director of Operations, Millicent Marcha, Chief Academic Officer, Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, and Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

*Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA Conservator, arrived at 6:57 PM.*

## TEA REMARKS

Dr. Abe Saavedra, TEA Monitor: Thank you. Thank you for accommodating my schedule. I was traveling today, the flight was delayed and I really apologize for being late this evening. As you know, I have been a TEA Monitor for the last 2 years here at South San and unfortunately the appointment of the Monitor has not brought the requisite change that your students need and deserve in the areas of Board Governance, financial stability in the district, as well as improvement of academic programs. You have received the appointment letter, changing my appointment from Monitor to Conservator and yesterday I believe you received the 47-page final report from TEA. That was not a pretty sight. I intend to spend more time in the district, working with Mr. Yzaguirre and his staff and I am also looking forward to continuing to work with you the Board in my new role as Conservator. I see a successful appointment of a Conservator, as appointment where no directive is issued by the Conservator, at all. If nothing else, I'm just here I guess to keep everybody in bounds and not let you get out of bounds. And so if you don't get out of bounds, there won't be no directives issued, and I think that would be a successful appointment. And it's within your power, your authority, for that to happen. I've been informed of the fiasco that occurred earlier today and I think without having looked at the video yet, I think you handled it correctly. Everyone needs to understand that these public meetings will be conducted with the proper decorum, and order, and respect. And you Mr. Superintendent, the district, you have the resources to maintain order and I think you did that earlier today and I commend you for it. I am hopeful that this Board will be the Board that finally turns the wheel, turns the page to a different South San. All you Principals are here, first of all congratulations, I understand its Principals month, congratulations folks. I can tell you all of your employees, your community, wants a better school district. They want a better image for their school district than what they have had. And in spite of what happened earlier this evening, I think you are on the right track. I think you delivered a strong message that you're not going to put up with that type of behavior. And so before I sit down I would like to remind the Board that you still have major financial deficits that have continued your budget. I know y'all have talked about it already and as the report stated, you also have major inequities. The services to students are not the same. You have a responsibility to do something about that and I would encourage you to do that. One of the things that the appointment letter addressed was that there needs to be a needs assessment in the areas of Board Governance, Academics, and Finances. I have already talked to Mr. Yzaguirre and the staff, we will be working on that. I really think that quite frankly as well as these schools have done, that major article a few weeks ago, front page on a Sunday, you know very few districts get that kind of coverage on a positive note but you did. As well as they have done, they can do better, with better resources, better support and again you have the authority and the power and the resources to be able to accomplish that so if you don't do it for anyone else do it for these students. You have a responsibility. Ignore the adults that are here for other reasons and you do what you need to do. And with that I will sit down. Thank you.

## CONSENT

*Policy BE (Local) states that the consent agenda shall include items of a routine and/or recurring nature grouped together under one action item. All such items shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board Member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration. The remaining items shall be adopted under a single motion and vote.*

### 1. Approve the Board Meeting Minutes

#### A. September 20, 2023 Regular Called

### 2. Approval of the Head Start Continuing Grant Application for 2024-2025 School Year

3. Approval of RFP 2023-13 Refrigerated Delivery Truck for Child Nutrition
4. Approve the Interlocal Agreement Between South San Antonio ISD and City of SanAntonio.
5. Approve purchases/invoices greater than \$50,000
6. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Texas A&M-SA Mobile Autism
7. Approve the purchase of No Red Ink 4th-12th Grade Digital Writing Platform for 2023-2024
8. Memorandum of Understanding Program Agreement Between South San Antonio ISD andYWCA of San Antonio.
9. Approve the Service agreement with Communities in Schools (CIS) of San Antonio
10. Approval of RFP 2023-11 General Student Learning & Testing Materials, Software, Professional Development for Staff/Student Programs
11. Approval of RFP 2023-12 Kitchen Preventative Maintenance, Service, and Repairs  
Mrs. Ramirez moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 11 as presented, Mr. Arrellano seconded and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0 to approve the item as presented. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Budget Amendment

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, was called to present and answer questions related to this item. Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

2. Approval of RFP 2023-14 3M Safety and Security Window Film Installation

Henry Yzaguirre, Superintendent, and Andy Rocha, Executive Director of Operations, were called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the item as presented, Mr. Lopez. seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

3. Accept the Revised 2023 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet for South San Antonio ISD

Tony Kingman, Chief Financial Officer, was called to present and answer questions related to this item.

Mr. Arrellano moved to approve the item as presented, Mrs. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

**CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*NOTICE: The Board of Trustees may elect to go into Closed Meeting any time during the meeting to discuss matters listed on the Agenda when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. In the event the Board of Trustees elects to go into Closed Meeting regarding an Agenda Item, the Board of Trustees will hold a Closed Meeting to discuss individual personnel matters including termination, litigation and other matters the Board deems necessary. Upon completion of Closed Meeting, the Board of Trustees may, in the open session, take such action as appropriate on items discussed in a Closed Meeting. If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item listed on the agenda should be held in Closed Meeting, the Board will convene in such Closed Meeting in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.001 - 551.088. The Board members may take action in the open portion of the meeting on items discussed in the Closed Meeting but no action will be taken in closed session. **The Board will return to open session and take appropriate action, if any, on items discussed in closed session. No Action will be taken in closed session. Further, Board Members are reminded that all items discussed in closed session must remain confidential also as to avoid liability to the district. The Board will consider and discuss, the following items:** Closed Meeting pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code §§ 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, and 551.0821*

1. Discussion concerning personnel matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.
2. Consultation with Attorney re: status of TEA Investigation and all matters related thereto. (551.071)
3. Formative Evaluation of the Superintendent  
Start time: 7:32 PM.  
*At 7:36 PM Abel Martinez returned to the Board meeting and went into closed session.  
At 7:40 PM Abel Martinez was escorted out by SSAISD Police Chief Eugene Tovar.*  
End time: 8:38 PM.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

1. Reconvene from Executive Session for action relative to items considered during Executive Session

*Consultation with Attorney re: status of TEA Investigation and all matters related thereto. (551.071)*

Mr. Araiza made a motion: I move that the South San ISD Board of Trustees designate TEA final report as public authorize its release to the South San community, Mrs. Ramirez seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted 4/0. Motion passed.

Vote:	Yes	No	Abstained
Ernesto Arrellano Jr.	X		
Cyndi Ramirez	X		
Joe Araiza	X		
Manuel Lopez	X		

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Arrellano seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

**ATTEST**

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Manuel Lopez, Board President

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Shirley Ibarra, Board Secretary

*NOTICE: This meeting of the Board of Trustees is authorized in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.001 - 551.146. Verification of Notice of Meeting and Agenda are on file in the Office of the Superintendent. Closed meeting, if required and if authorized by the statute, will be conducted prior to the conclusion of the meeting for any item listed on this agenda.*

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